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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF STATEMENT BY UNDER SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

1. OCTOBER 30 EDITION OF GOVT OWNED CHRONICLE CARRIED ARTICLE
ENTITLED "ECONOMIC NATIONALISM IS GOOD THING SAYS U.S. OFFICIAL"
DATED LINED WASHINGTON AND ATTRIBUTED TO ASSOCIATED PRESS, ARTICLE
CONTAINS BACKGROUND ON NEWLY APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHARLES W. ROBINSON AND STATEMENTS REPORTEDLY
MADE BY HIM.

2. MR. ROBINSON
IS DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF RARE BREED OF AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN WHO BELIEVE ECONOMIC NATIONALISM IN LATIN AMERICA IS
A GOOD THING". CITING HIS MANAGEMENT OF MULTINATIONAL MARCONA
CORP AS EXAMPLE, ARTICLE DISCUSSES MR. ROBINSON'S BELIEF IN RES-
PONSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN CORPORATIONS OPERATING OVERSEAS. ARTICLE
ALSO QUOTES VARIOUS EXAMPLES OF UNDER SECRETARY'S "RADICALISM"
INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT "WE MUST REVERSE OUR TRADITIONAL CONCEPT
OF LATIN AMERICA AS OUR PRIVATE STOREHOUSE OF MINERAL AND ENERGY
RESOURCES".

3. ALTHOUGH NOT RPT NOT PART OF TEXT OF ARTICLE, STATEMENT (
(APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTED TO MR. ROBINSON) THAT "U.S. ECONOMIC RETALI-
ATION FOR UNCOMPENSATED EXPROPRIATION IS OUR 20TH CENTURY VERSION
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OF BRITISH GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY OF THE LAST CENTURY" IS PRINTED IN

LARGE TYPE IN EYE CATCHING FASHION ACROSS MIDDLE OF ARTICLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE OF GOG'S CURRENT PUBLICITY
CAMPAIGN ON REYNOLDS TAXNATIONALIZATION ISSUE (E.G. GEORGETOWN 1925),
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TEXT OF AP STORY IF AVAILABLE.
WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY THAT ALLEGED ROBINSON
STATEMENT IN PARA 3 (WHICH IMPLICITLY CRITICIZES USG POSITION AS
WE UNDERSTAND IT IN REYNOLDS DISPUTE) HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT.
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